

MS. CINNAMON: Hi. My name is Sophia Cinnamon.  
And I'm a wild land Firefighter and natural resource  
professional on the Western Slope. I haven't  
[indiscernible].

And I'm here to talk about the firsthand impacts of  
climate change that I'm seeing on the landscape. Warming  
temperatures and extended drought conditions are not only  
shifting our fire regime, but creating a year-round fire  
season.

Last year was the hottest and most fire-intense  
year on record. Over 10 million acres burned, and over \$1.3  
million was spent on fire suppression. The climate is  
changing.

Warming temperatures, drought conditions, and our  
earlier and faster melting snow pack creates dry conditions  
with heavy fuel loads. Climate change is creating a  
life-safety issue on the fire line due to unprecedented fire  
behavior.

We know carbon pollution is accelerating climate change, and  
the burning of coal is the single largest source  
of carbon emission. As Coloradans, we need to continue to  
make the transition to clear, renewable energy.

This review process is needed to make smart choices  
about where we invest in energy for our future and accelerate  
our transition to clean energy. Please honor the risk that  
Firefighters take protecting your communities and resources.  
Thank you for your time